

# OREGON LIVESTOCK



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## Sheep

### Oregon

Oregon's sheep and lamb inventory totaled 215,000 head on January 1, 2007, a decrease of 5,000 head from the previous year. Breeding sheep and lamb inventory was down slightly to 144,000 head. Breeding ewes totaled 115,000 head, rams totaled 7,000 head, and replacement lamb inventory totaled 22,000 head. Market sheep and lambs totaled 71,000 head, down 4,000 head from the year before. Market lambs totaled 68,000 head, and market sheep accounted for the other 3,000 head. The 2006 lamb crop was estimated at 140,000 head, down 10,000 head. There was 1,170,000 pounds of wool shorn in 2006 from 188,000 sheep, for an average fleece weight of 6.2 pounds per animal.

### United States

All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on January 1, 2007, totaled 6.19 million head, down 1 percent from 2006, but still 1 percent above 2005. After two consecutive year to year increases inventory growth was hampered by extremely dry weather in the Southwestern part of the United States. Breeding sheep inventory decreased to 4.62 million head on January 1, 2007, down slightly from 4.64 million head on January 1, 2006. Ewes one year old and older, at 3.71 million head, were 1 percent above last year. Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2007, totaled 1.57 million head, down 2 percent from January 1, 2006. Market lambs comprised 94 percent of the total marketings. Twenty-five percent were lambs under 65 pounds, 14 percent were 65 - 84 pounds, 25 percent were 85 - 105 pounds, and 36 percent were over 105 pounds. Market sheep comprised the remaining 6 percent of total marketings. The 2006 lamb crop of 4.09 million head, was down 1 percent from 2005. The 2006 lambing rate was 112 lambs per 100 ewes one year old and older on January 1, 2006, down 3 percent from 2005. Shorn wool production in the United States during 2006 was 36.0 million pounds, down 3 percent from 2005. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 4.85 million head, down 4 percent from 2005. The average price paid for wool sold in 2006 was \$0.68 per pound for a total value of 24.4 million dollars, down 7 percent from 26.3 million dollars in 2005.

**Sheep: Inventory and lamb crop, selected states and United States, January 1, 2007**

| State         | All sheep         |                   |                | Breeding sheep              |                         | 2006<br>Lamb crop | Total market<br>sheep and<br>lambs |
|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|
|               | 2006              | 2007              | 2007 /<br>2006 | Total<br>sheep and<br>lambs | Ewes 1 yr.<br>and older |                   |                                    |
|               | <i>1,000 head</i> | <i>1,000 head</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>1,000 head</i>           | <i>1,000 head</i>       | <i>1,000 head</i> | <i>1,000 head</i>                  |
| California    | 650               | 610               | 94             | 340                         | 280                     | 250               | 270                                |
| Idaho         | 260               | 260               | 100            | 220                         | 178                     | 210               | 40                                 |
| Montana       | 295               | 290               | 98             | 265                         | 209                     | 270               | 25                                 |
| <b>Oregon</b> | <b>220</b>        | <b>215</b>        | <b>98</b>      | <b>144</b>                  | <b>115</b>              | <b>140</b>        | <b>71</b>                          |
| Washington    | 50                | 51                | 102            | 42                          | 33                      | 53                | 10                                 |
| United States | 6,230             | 6,185             | 99             | 4,620                       | 3,706                   | 4,085             | 1,565                              |

## Goat

All goat inventory in the United States on January 1, 2007, totaled 2.93 million head, up 3 percent from 2006. Breeding goat inventory totaled 2.44 million head up 3 percent from 2006. All market goats and kids totaled 494,000 head, up 4 percent from a year ago. On January 1, 2007 meat and all other goats totaled 2.40 million head, up 5 percent from 2006. Milk goat inventory increased 2 percent to 296,000 head while angora goats were down 8 percent totaling 238,000 head. The 2006 kid crop totaled 1.92 million head for all goats, up 4 percent from 2005. Mohair production in the United States during 2006 was 1.35 million pounds. Goats and kids clipped totaled 216,000 head. Average weight per clip was 6.30 pounds. Mohair price was \$3.68 per pound with a value of 4.98 million dollars.

**Goats: Inventory by class, selected states and United States, January 1, 2007**

| State         | Angora<br>goats | Milk<br>goats | Meat and<br>other goats | Total         |
|---------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------------------|---------------|
|               | <i>Head</i>     | <i>Head</i>   | <i>Head</i>             | <i>Head</i>   |
| California    | 3,000           | 30,000        | 100,000                 | 133,000       |
| Idaho         | -               | 3,000         | 7,500                   | 10,500        |
| <b>Oregon</b> | <b>1,300</b>    | <b>5,700</b>  | <b>23,200</b>           | <b>30,200</b> |
| Washington    | 1,000           | 8,200         | 24,000                  | 33,200        |
| United States | 238,000         | 296,000       | 2,400,000               | 2,934,000     |

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